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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takao MURAKAMI et al.

Application No.: 10/060,300

Filed: February 1, 2002

For: MALE TERMINAL FITTING AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated December 31, 2002, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-16, drawn to a terminal fitting, classified in class 439, subclass 884, and Group II, claims 17-19, drawn to a method of manufacturing a terminal, classified in class 29, subclass 874+. The Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-16.

The Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement. Group I is drawn to a terminal fitting. Group II is drawn to a method of manufacturing a terminal. The Applicants submit that examination of the two aforementioned Groups can be accomplished without a significant burden on the examiner. MPEP 803.

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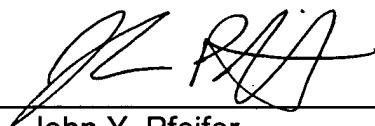
This is because the method of Group II produces the terminal fitting of Group I. Thus, any search regarding the Group II method would necessarily include information relevant to the Group I terminal fitting as well. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the burden on the Examiner to examine both Groups together is not significant enough to warrant a restriction requirement and the two Groups should be examined together. MPEP 803.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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